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MISSION PRAYER DAY OBSERVED

PASADENA, Calif. -- A Day of Prayer for World Missions, staged by the Episcopal Church Missionary Community, an autonomous missionary society within the Episcopal Church, launched an effort to raise missionary awareness and support.

Hosted at All Saints Church here, the one-day conference in January drew nearly 300 participants from the Diocese of Los Angeles. The purpose of the event, according to the Rev. Walter W. Hannum, general secretary of the Episcopal Church Missionary Community, was to increase knowledge about world missions, and to challenge individuals to pray for the spread of the Gospel.

Conference participants heard keynote addresses by the Rt. Rev. William Frey, Bishop of Colorado, and Rosalind Rinker, widely-acclaimed author and lecturer. Both speakers are themselves former missionaries.

"We can pray for the unreached," Hannum declared as he challenged those present to join with others in regular prayer for world missions. The Community has set a goal of 1,000 established prayer cells with commitment to global evangelism. Trained missionaries are also needed for service overseas.

Workshops available included presentations on tribal people, refugees, Muslims, and other peoples or areas of the world with special concern for Christians. Leaders of the workshops were chosen for their personal experience in subject areas. Present as special guests at the conference were several individuals about to receive Community training as missionaries.

For parishes, deaneries and dioceses who desire to learn more about their own role in cross-cultural evangelism, special seminars can be arranged through the Community. For further information about scheduling a Day of Missions presentation, contact the Rev. Walter Hannum, 1567 E. Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104, or telephone (213)797-8323.

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